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LAST SOCIAL POWER.

placed in the Hands of Mrs. Paget
by King Edward.

His Majesty Consulted Her as to the
Advisability of Permitting the
Prince of Wales to Visit
New York.

The advice of an American woman
may determine whether or not the
Prince of Wales will visit this country
to attend the dedication of the
New York chamber of commerce's
new home. Decision on the question
awaits the return of King Edward
from his spring cruise, and it is believed
in court circles that probabilities
inclined toward its acceptance.

It is thought likely that the king,
to whom the prince has deferred the
question, will be largely guided by
suggestions of Americans in London
and Paris.

It is said that Mrs. Arthur H. Paget
(the daughter of Paran Stevens, of
New York) has been consulted as
well as Secretary White, of the United
States embassy, in his private capacity.
Mr. White has been persona
grata with King Edward for many
years.

The Prince of Wales has no intimate
friends in the Anglo-American set. Indeed, it may be said generally that
his friends are not the king's friends.
He does not cultivate millionaires, but has friends among the
oldest aristocracy, who rather look down on the "Marlborough
house set" as money worshipers and
notoriety-hunters.

The Prince is extremely quiet and
undemonstrative—in truth, he is
rather shy and has none of the sailor-like
bluffness which carried Prince
Henry of Prussia so far. He has a
good deal of his father's tact, and,
under the tutelage of Gen. Bigge, his
private secretary, he always does the
right thing.

In court circles it is almost assumed
that if the Prince goes to New
York he will go in a semi-private car.



MRS. ARTHUR H. PAGET.
Daughter of the Late Mr. Paran Stevens,
of New York.

ly outdoes him in the high-ball home
stretch about two o'clock in the morning; but, as a rule, he gets the buyer
to his hotel in a safe condition.

Alone in Her Old Age.

Mrs. Mary Elvira Gillespie, at the
age of 84, has just been admitted to a
hospital in Denver. She is the mother
of 37 children, among them being 15
sets of twins. Strange to say, all of the children have drifted away from
her, and she knows not the address of
any of them.

COURT PROTECTS WIDOW.

Love-Sick Prisoner Is Forbidden by a Chicago Judge to Call on Woman He Adores.

Frank Yinker was told by a Chicago
justice the other day that he must not
annoy Mrs. Annie Zappergolka, a
widow, of 172 West Fourteenth street,
who caused his arrest a few days ago
because he persisted in laying his
heart and soul at her feet. Yinker ex-
plained to the justice that he was in
love with the widow, and he believed
he could not go through this life without
her.

"I can't help that," answered Yinker.
"She is the only woman I ever
loved, and I want to marry her. I
will make her my wife at this moment
if she will only consent."

"I wouldn't have him," answered the
widow. "I don't want him to come
to my home, and I want him to keep
away from me. I have told him re-
peatedly not to call on me, but he insists."

Yinker looked appealingly at the
woman, only to receive a cold look
from her.

"Forgive me," he pleaded, as he held
out his hands. "Let me come back
and I'll be good."

"No, sir; you can never come back,
and I want you to take your presents
back and never bother me any more,"
was the answer.

The justice told the prisoner that
if the widow objected to his calling on
her he must cease.

"But I must return there and get
my presents back," he pleaded.

"He can't come into my home. I
will throw the presents through a window," insisted the complainant.

The love-sick prisoner gave his con-
sent and followed the widow to her
home. There through an open window
bundles of letters and other articles
were thrown to him, and Yinker walked sadly away.

GIRL FOILS ROBBERS.

How Merta Covert Protected Her Grandfather and Saved His Hard-Earned Money.

There is a white-haired man in the
state of New York who thinks that it
would be hard to find a braver girl
than Merta Covert. Merta is his own
granddaughter, but that fact does not
alter his opinion.

One day just as the winter was closing
the grandfather, Joseph Covert, and
Merta were driving from Middle-
town to their country home. Both
were feeling unusually light hearted,
for Mr. Covert had disposed of some
cattle very profitably and was carrying
home several hundred dollars. At
a lonely spot in the hilly road two
strangers met them, stopped the

horses and attempted to spring into
the sleigh. The old man realized at
once what their purpose was, and
made desperate efforts to protect his
property, but he was helpless in their
hands. Neither of them paid any at-
tention to the girl, but Merta, who has
a pair of strong arms of her own, and
courage to match, had no intention of
quietly looking on to see her grand-
father robbed.

Snatching up the whip, she wielded
it vigorously. One of the men she
knocked from the sleigh at the first
blow. Leaning forward, she lashed
the horses to a run, and then as the
sleigh leaped ahead she gave her atten-
tion to the second man, who appar-
ently lost courage on finding himself
abandoned. In a moment he, too,
dropped off into the snow, and Merta
and her grandfather triumphantly
went on their way with the money the
girl had so bravely defended.

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FIRST: The object and purpose of
the National Afro-American Repub-
lican League of the United States will
be to educate and instruct the people
in Republican politics and organize re-
publican clubs in each state and terri-
tory in the union; to distribute literature,
and to arouse an interest among the
colored people in republican politics
and to work for the interest, adv-
ancement and success of the republican
party.

SECOND: The number to organize
subordinate republican clubs shall
not less than fifteen (15). Each club
shall consist of a president, first a
second vice-president, secretary, a
treasurer and executive committee of
five.

THIRD: Each republican club shall
be permanently organized and
entitled to one delegate in the annual
session in the National Afro Ameri-
can Republican League of the United
States.

FOURTH: Each republican club will
send in a list of the officers and mem-

bers of their club once a year to the
president and general secretary.

The next convention will be held at
Springfield, Ohio, August 15, 1902.

FROG IN HER STOMACH.

Operation for Appendicitis in a New York Hospital Leads to an Astonishing Result.

A large frog was removed from a
woman's stomach in St. Catherine's
hospital, in Williamsburg, N. Y., the
other day. The woman is Mrs. Charles
Burtis, of Hopewell Junction, near
Mattewan, N. Y. She had been suf-
fering from a trouble which baffled
her physicians for some time. It was
finally decided that an operation for
appendicitis would be advisable, and
she was taken to the Williamsburg
hospital.

A Fishkill (N. Y.) doctor performed the
operation, which revealed that she
was not suffering from appendicitis.
But the doctors did discover and re-
move from her stomach a live frog,
said to have been five inches long. It
is supposed that she swallowed the
frog when it was small while she was
drinking water.

It was said at the hospital that Mrs.
Burtis had already returned to her
home and had recovered entirely from
the ill effects of her unpleasant ex-
perience.

Big Lot of Freight Cars.

In the past four years, at Pitts-
burgh, Pa., 40,578 cars have been built,
using over 202,890,000 pounds of iron
and steel. If these cars were placed
end to end, and allowing for length
of coupling three feet, they would
make a train 270 miles long, would
carry 4,057,200,000 pounds of freight,
and the total weight of cars and
freight would be over 4,200,000,000
pounds.

SHOT A SEA SERPENT.

The 1902 Reptile of the Deep Is Fired At After Exposing Itself for a Quiet Half Hour.

A monstrous sea serpent, vicious
and awful looking, was the sight that
brought fright to the crew of the
schooner Samuel B. Hubbard only a
few days ago. This vessel, of which
Capt. Mahaffey is master, has just ar-
rived in Brunswick, Ga., from New
York. Her commander, who is well
known to all the north Atlantic ports,
vouches for the authenticity of the
story, and the facts are corroborated
by his first mate, Mr. Coverdale. Capt.
Mahaffey says:

"It was on the 23d, in north latitude
34 degrees 41 minutes, and west longi-
tude 76 degrees 10 minutes. The ship
was lying becalmed about 12 noon,
when the chief mate called my attention
to something in the water just
abeam, a quarter of a mile off. A long,

slim object, moving from side to side,
and coming toward us with such great
rapidity that it looked like an old
thresher at work. It very quickly
worked under our quarter, and in the
clear water we saw the queerest fish
out. As it lay quiet within 15 feet of
the vessel it appeared to be about 30
feet long by three feet in circumference.
A smooth body, showing no fins
but the dorsals, three of them, one
short, one, say, about a foot long, near
the head. Then half way down the
body a long, tail-like fin about seven
feet long and about five inches wide,
and near the tail a small hind fin. The
tail was unlike a fish, ending at a
point without a fin. The body was a
deep pink color to the middle, and
darkening to a light brown at the
tail.

"The head was fully three feet long,
the mouth close to the top. The eyes
were large and close to the top of the
head. We had a good look at the fel-
low as he stayed by fully half an hour.
Then the mate got a shotgun and as
the fish lay with half of his upper body
exposed, sent a charge of small shot
in. It evidently hurt him, for he
leaved out of the water half his length

and no question is more important
to a pupil than this. He said that
every pupil should have some aim in
life. When you are going through
school—always keep one point in view,
and that is what should be your occupa-
tion after having graduated. What
business will you pursue? When you
keep your mind on the business in
which you would desire to engage
and the occupation you would like to fol-
low, you can never go astray. After
giving a brief history of his own strug-
gle in life, he advised them to choose
an occupation which they liked best.

Attorney King Speaks.

Attorney L. M. King of the District
bar delivered an address before the
Business High School on last Thurs-
day afternoon which was highly com-
mendable. His subject was "Choos-
ing Occupations."

In speaking to the class that is about to graduate, he ad-
vised them to choose an occupation
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Victor Is an Eccentric Chap and a Hater from 'Way Back—His Record as Governor Marked by Bold Decision.

By defeating James K. Jones, for-
mer manager of Bryan's campaign, in
their recent senatorial battle, ex-Gov.
James P. Clark, of Arkansas, has once
more demonstrated the eccentric fight-
ing qualities which have made him so
prominent as well as so bizarre a figure
in western politics.

Jones has already served one term
as United States senator for Arkansas.

He came up for reelection, his
chief opponents being Gov. Jefferson
Davis and ex-Gov. Clark. Davis quickly
dropped out, leaving the struggle
between Jones and Clark. The latter,
after a hot campaign, proved the victor.

Ex-Gov. Clark, although only 47
years old, has had a long and decidedly
eventful—not to say tumultuous—poli-
tical career.

He is in many respects, says the New
York World, the typical western
statesman, the sort seen of late more
often on the stage than in real life.

He is a character essentially American,
and as incongruous in our present sen-
ate as a mailed visigoth at a village
prayer meeting.

Old Cotton Top.

Old Cotton Top, as Clark has been
nicknamed, on account of his snow-
white hair, is very tall, lean and
straight as an Indian, with a hand-
some, distinguished face and a man-
ner whose outer dignity at times fails
to clothe the impulsiveness and even
fierceness of the inner man.

He is a man who has ever stood firm
on all points where he believed honor
to be involved, and who, in defense of
his principles, has made hosts of ene-
mies, damaged his political prospects
and has even been carried to the point
of physical violence.

Large French Automobile.

The largest automobile in the world
is being constructed for a Parisian
doctor. In it, accompanied by two
medical students, he intends to make
a trip around the world. It will

have two sleeping apartments, a
large workroom and four big tanks
for storing oil.

WATSON'S PARK.

Grand Opening May 15—Its Second Season.

One of the mos' refreshing resorts
in the city and one that is highly re-
spectable and where families may go
on private picnics is Watson's Park,
Md., conducted by Mr. A. D. Watson

a well known and highly enterprising
citizen of Washington. This is Mr.
Watson's second season and the im-
provements that he has made, since
last year, for the accommodation of
his many patrons, are many. New
summer booths have been erected; new
tables and many other new conven-
iences. Mr. Watson will serve
meals at all hours at a reasonable
price. Churches, private parties,
and clubs are respectfully requested to
send in their names for dates.

This park may be reached by every
car line in the city and a glance at the
advertisement in this week's Bee will
give you full directions.

Mary 15

is the general opening at this
park and the card of Mr. Watson
to the public will fully explain itself.

Second Season.

"To my friends and public: I cordially
extend an invitation to my friends,
patrons and the public to attend the
Grand Opening of my park on Thur-
day May 15, 1902 from 1 p. m. till 12
a. m. on which occasion a full brass
band will be in attendance. There
will be a free colation which will con-
sist of meats and refreshments in sea-
son. Plank shade etc.

Good car service. Notice figure hand
pointing to the park.

Respectfully,
A. D. Watson.

Season Tickets Via B & O. R. R. on Sale May 1st.

Beginning May 1st, the Baltimore &
Ohio R. R. will commence the daily
sale of regular Summer Excursion
tickets, limited to Oct. 31st returning
to all Seaside, Mountain and Spring
resorts, at greatly reduced rates.
Full information as to the rates, routes
and service cheer



They Say.

Scheming in your neighborhood
is the best amusement.Whoever you are, you're the real
stealer.Defend your home against the
stealers of your possessions.It's better to be a stealer than to be
stolen from.Our times are full of people greater
than the persons who steal you.Never be the swindler by the last
admission.Our times are full of things
better than everything.

Death comes to us all at the end.

Some people will talk because you
are dead.We have agreed that this is the
time of your greatest trouble.

Our times are full of difficulties.

Believe this you will not believe
you are.It is dangerous to believe your
friends.Closely political office holders have
the experience of a lifetime.But John E. Green expressed his
discontent with the Second Baptist
Church authorities.Believable stories and the truthful
when you can.Our times are full of stories of
betrayal.The best man in the world is the
best man.Dr. Jackson was suffrage in the
District of Columbia.Never believe your friends if they
tell you lies to you.The day of every man is the
last.Why not establish the juvenile Court.
Justice O'Donnell is doing business
of the same old stand.Never underestimate that helped
you.Ingratitude is stronger than thankfulness,
sure.A friend in need is a friend in
need, your assistance becomes.Some people still believe all that is
told them.Always remember that there are
two sides to all questions. Always
give the benefit of a doubt to the
indicated party.False teeth always come from
false teeth.Be certain in all things before you
act.Don't come to conclusions before
propositions are the propositions.Estimator Payne is a politician
but not strong enough to win the
next fight.John G. New of Indiana will not
feel that obligation.

You cannot anticipate him.

All that looks fair, is some times
darkly behind glasses.Virginia Business High School
is to become one of industrial
schools.Don't say a word but watch
yourself.It is not strange to see our
enemies turn against us.Governor will be a candidate for
the Democratic nomination.

Times will end to your fruits.

Be what you are and nothing
more.Read The Star if you want a
good paper.

Don't believe all you hear.

All questions have two sides to
them.Think well before you answer
so as.

Politics will be worn soon.

There will be an investigation of
northern fossils.Edward H. Bass is making a
messy fight.Who told Edward T. Washington
to give out the Lyon's interview.Is the son here a man to
be trusted.

THE WASHINGTON STAR.

New American Standard
for the Home.

"I will never make up my mind
about the snake," announced Mrs. Bass, mother of Edward, during their
recent interview. "I am not a snake catcher, but I have seen many snakes
and I have no objection to them."

"I think that the snake is still
under consideration. There is no possibility
of that snake being a snake, because they wouldn't try to kill
every specimen of the species they had."

The snake would be a good
specimen and great
value to the collection of the
natural history museum.

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Disgorged Again.

Again the Arch Nihilist has disgorged his disgusting rot in the Senate to the disgrace of himself and the humiliation of the South-era representatives. We say nihilist, because the most ardent follower of the doctrine of Nihilism can hardly entertain views more revolutionary and subversive of good government than those expressed and gloried in by the boss of South Carolina. To hold a seat in the United States Senate, after swearing to support the constitution, and at the same time to declare his belief in the righteousness of political murder and other forms of political crime, whereby a republican form of government is denied his state, is to violate every instinct of decency and insult the intelligence and respectability of honest legislators. The Senator seems to take delight in injecting into every debate of whatever description, what he would seem to consider the ever present negro question and to indulge in bar-room language in characterizing the colored race.

Tillman has said much which is false but nothing which is more so than that he is the superior of the "nigger" as he calls them. His brother democratic Senators, who left the Senate in disgust, while he was indulging in his tirade, can testify that never has a colored Senator or member of Congress behaved so ungentlemanly and so boorishly and clownishly as did Tillman on last Wednesday week. This coarse-grained man in his eagerness to blacken the character and reputation of the colored people referred to an instance or two of crimes which were committed in Washington, as proof that the colored people were growing worse. An instance or two may have occurred, but thousands of similar instances are daily occurring in the South in which the whites are the perpetrators.

No one but a fool or a fiend would be guilty of charging such crimes to a whole race. Such talk only shows what a weak case Tillman has and to what extent he will strain a point to justify his nefarious doctrines and practices.

The cry of "negro domination" is a mere bugaboo and Tillman knows it. As a matter of fact when the ex-rebels refused or were ineligible to take part in the state governments at the South, the principal affairs were white natives showed a disposition to support good government they were elected to office and unanimously supported by the colored voters.

Moreover, it can be truly said that the laws which were passed by the southern legislatures during Reconstruction, were sound and just and have not been improved by those passed by their white successors. This talk of social equality and "nigger domination" seems to be the stock in trade of the average lazy domineering and pride blown southerner as is as much like the truth as the German Empire is like a mosquito's elbow and conveys as much truth and common sense as the corus and unisons on the feet of Egyptian mummies. If it were pardonable to throw the flash light into the inner lines of thousands of these canting hypocritical purists there would be revealed in remorse and social filth than can readily be imagined, as the numerous illegitimate can emphatically testify. But history repeats itself. The

slave oligarchy bulldozed and bragged and threatened and plotted. They defended an institution which was acknowledged to be wrong "morally, socially and politically" and which Jefferson condemned and Washington deplored. They declared that they would rule or ruin. The clash came and like all wrong doers and advocates of false doctrines, they went under. They now seek to gain by political plunder and murder what they lost in the fearful arbitrament of arms.

But Justice will not sleep forever. The attitude of Tillman is representative of the position of the majority of southern representatives. They may not favor the drastic applications advocated by the South Carolina blow hard, in the shape of murder. But they are coveting and scheming and diplomatising in order to hold their representative power in Congress and at the same time deprive thousands and thousands of bona fide citizens of their right to vote. And it seems that their schemes are having some effect. There seems to be no disposition on the part of republicans to either defend the right of the colored people or to insist upon proper representation. The South seems to have these men "queered" and afraid to do what is right. But the future may discover a way of correcting this evil and sprucing up the backbone of our weak-kneed republican friends. In the coming elections, at the North, it is not improbable that colored voters will signify their wishes in a substantial manner which may give stimulus to many. The complexion of the House may be seriously affected if something is not done. Crumpacker has sounded the tocsin, the enemy is about to over run the country and it is high time that the power of such marplots as Tillman is curtailed or destroyed. Surely the republican party can hardly hope to maintain its pristine glory and influence, if it shows itself recreant to the grand principles and policies which gave it birth and sustained it for so many glorious years.

NEGRO COLONY FOR AFRICA.

Planning to Send Laborers from South to French Congo.

From the Post.

For several days T. Thomas Fortune, of New York; W. A. Pledger, of Georgia; E. E. Cooper, of Washington, and a number of other well-known colored men, have been conferring with H. A. Darnell and other directors of the Congo and Sangha Development Co., who are at the Arlington Hotel, in Washington, making arrangements to take a colony of American negroes to Africa, where, it is claimed, the company has secured a large tract of land in the French Congo.

The Congo and Sangha Development Company was incorporated last month under the laws of New Jersey for \$1,000,000. Among the incorporators are Emile Renders of Brussels, M. Borowski, of Paris; H. A. Darnell, of Denver, and a number of other Europeans and Americans. The company has secured 3,000,000 acres of land from the French government. Most of the land is said to be rich in rubber trees, mahogany and other valuable woods, it is the purpose of the company to develop the rubber and prepare it for shipment to Europe. It is the purpose of the company to take laborers from the farms of the South and more than 1,000 negroes are to be sent to Africa during the next three months if the plans are carried out. Within a year the company expects to locate 15,000 settlers on its land. Only men will be sent to Africa for the first few months, but after homes have been prepared the families of the settlers will be taken to the new colony.

Every settler is to be allowed a certain amount of land, which he is to pay for during a term of years in rubber, timber, and other products, in which the country abounds. There is to be an abundance of wild animals suitable for food in the country.

Agents are visiting Georgia, the Carolinas and Alabama, and expect to secure settlers. The agents have been instructed to take only negroes from farming districts, as the company does not care to have any settlers who will not work and become producers.

The Bee would suggest to the gentlemen who are in the scheme to send one thousand negroes to Africa to lead the way and that will be some inducement to the already deceived American negroes to follow. The country can well afford to get rid of the presence of the men who are so foolish to give such advice as the above. Of course The Bee is well aware that none of them are in this scheme for their health. What is the matter with the millions of unemployed negroes in Africa? If these men have more time than what they re-

ally need, they had better ask Booker T. Washington for a job as waiter in his new Massachusetts million dollar mansion. There is nothing doing in the rubber fields of Africa for the American negro.

The industrial Advocate, vo. 1, No. 1, a neat little 4-page, size 10 x 12 journal published by Magnus L. Robinson, and devoted to the interest of the Wm. McKinley Normal and Industrial School of Alexandria, Va., and Industrial Education in general, is a welcome visitor to our sanctum this week. The Advocate will be the product of the Printing Department of the McKinley school, and will also reflect the local doings of Alexandria City. The Bee wishes the Industrial Advocate and its veteran editor, Magnus L. Robinson, success.

JUST A CRAZY HOBO.

The Story of Charles T. Condon's Balloon Ascension.

It Made a Mental and Physical Wreck of a Steady-Nerved Athlete and Resulted in Other Terrible Accidents.

When Charles T. Condon played the role of aeronaut for a wager three years ago, his experience cost him his reason. To-day, says the Denver Post, Condon is a tramp—one of the variety known as "stew bums." He came into Denver the other morning on a freight train; left the same afternoon or evening on a brake beam, to where, no one knows. Condon was once highly respected and was one of the leading young men of Oakland, Cal., where he was in the commission business.

One Sunday, in a spirit of banter, he volunteered to make a balloon ascension in the stead of a man disabled, who was to have afforded entertainment for crowds at a public resort. Some of his comrades took him up, offering to wager that he would not dare go up on a trapeze, swinging beneath the great hot air

When his friends saw that Condon was in earnest, they begged him to desist, but this spirit of bravado would not allow. Before the park manager realized he was sending an entirely inexperienced man up in the balloon, the guy ropes were cut loose and Condon with a running bound sat on the trapeze and was a hundred feet in the air.

A number of boys and men had held the balloon captive by the guy ropes in readiness for its flight. But one let go as the balloon was released. On one of the ropes, either holding on or being caught in a tangle, was a lad utterly powerless to help himself and afraid to drop.

Up went the balloon. The people shouted from below, beckoned frantic

ly, and the crowd followed. Condon saw the lad.

tically to Condon to bring the big bag back to earth, fearful for the life of the dangling lad. All unconscious of the boy's presence, Condon continued evolutions on the trapeze.

The balloon had ascended over a thousand feet before Condon caught a glimpse of the lad, clinging for life to the frail rope and utterly without support other than his own strength. Then realizing that the cutting loose of the parachute would mean death to the lad, he schemed to get him on the trapeze beside him.

The boy was swinging from a rope on the other side of the balloon as the wind swayed it, and Condon found it impossible to reach him. The only hope was to make the lad hold on until the hot air bag became sufficiently cooled to descend. Condon cried to the lad; begged him to hold tight; cursed, pleaded, threatened, knowing it was useless. At an elevation of nearly 2,000 feet the youngster's strength gave way and he dropped. The fall was witnessed by the thousands in the park.

The little body fell on the doorstep of a house less than a mile from the park. On the doorstep was an invalid mother and her married daughter, who had watched the flight of the balloon. The mother died shortly after from heart failure and the daughter was sent to a hospital, insane. There, her child was born, a few weeks later. On seeing the lad fall, Condon pulled the cord which cut the parachute loose. He came down safely, but was picked up unconscious as a result of his flight.

When he recovered, weeks after, he was not right mentally. His business went to ruin, and he took to drink. He disappeared within a year and friends failed to find him. It was learned that he tried to enlist for the Cuban war, but was refused.

What he had done in the meantime or how he had lived is best explained by his appearance as he reached Denver.

Stoop-shouldered, unkempt, with a beard covering his face, he shambled to the Union hotel. The porter put him out, and he sought a resting place in a nearby saloon, where he promptly went to sleep in a chair.

"Where have I been?" he queried, with the unmistakable leer of a mind mentally unbalanced. "Why, I've been everywhere. I'm a bum, just a common bum. I went up in a balloon once and it was my finish. I'd go up again if there were no kids hanging to it and I could drop out."

"Tell you about it? No, that's dead; so's the kid. Awful thing it was. My first time up and my last till I go up to die myself."

SOME WISE SERPENTS.

Smart Reptiles of Various Species That Make Life Pleasant for Pennsylvania People.

According to the Susquehanna (Pa.) correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean, John W. Upton, of Summersville, last autumn captured a water snake, which he, after careful training, tamed and made quite social. The reptile would come out of the water and go about the house like a pet, and at times would be quite affectionate. The children of Mr. Upton would feed him, and he learned to follow them around. One day he showed his gratitude in a manner that made him famous. Mr. Upton was standing on a mill dam, when he accidentally fell in.



The pond was quite deep, and Mr. Upton was unable to swim. Drowning seemed inevitable. The snake appeared at this juncture and took in the situation at a glance. Plunging into the water he entwined his head and neck around one of the poles which supported the wharf, and extended his tail to Mr. Upton, and the latter grasped the tail of his ally and held on until members of the family, alarmed at his cries, came to his assistance.

Hank Saunders, a Smoky Hollow snake charmer, has 29 adders that think so much of him that they follow him around like dogs. On wash day each one takes the tip of a companion's tail in his mouth, and they allow themselves to be hung up on poles for clotheslines. In the summer time they braid themselves into a most ingenious hammock, in which the snake charmer rests or reads novels on the front porch.

Last fall Farmer Comstock, of the Cascade, discovered that one of his Jersey cows yielded no milk. Each night she was in a certain place near a swamp. One night Farmer Comstock decided to solve the mystery. He hid behind a stump, as he saw the cow standing in her accustomed place. In a few moments he saw a great snake come out of the swamp and begin milking the cow. Comstock killed the reptile and the mystery was solved.

CORPSE TALKED BACK.

Italian, Pronounced Dead by Jail Physician, Surprised an Undertaker and His Assistants.

Four assistants to an undertaker suddenly dropped a coffin they were carrying out of the Paterson (N. J.) jail door, when the supposed corpse broke open the lid and sat up and in vociferous Italian said he wasn't dead. He was Alexander Scazzetta, who

had been imprisoned for some slight offense.

He had been called in the morning by the keeper, but did not respond. His cell was opened but the man could not be aroused. The jail officials were informed and they sent for a physician, telling him that a prisoner had died in the night. The doctor made a casual examination and pronounced the man dead, and the undertaker was sent for. His employees were carrying the supposed corpse out to the wagon when Scazzetta opened his eyes and sat up in the coffin. For two days he talked incessantly in jail, but on Saturday he apparently lost the power of speech, only to recover it in the coffin, when he abused the undertaker's assistants. The jail physician ordered his release.

The prisoners eyes glistened.

"The prisoner," continued the magistrate, "is honorably discharged. You are honorably discharged. Go and sin no more."

As soon as the policeman got his prisoner to the street he hooted him half a block and then the policeman, the lawyer and the rest of the court crowd had several rounds of drunks at the corner saloon out of the five-dollar bill.

And they say that the magistrate had as much fun out of the story as anybody when they told it to him a week later. But it didn't break his faith in the grand army man.

The magistrate asked a few more questions of the prisoner.

"Well, old G. A. R. man," said the lawyer.

"Indeed!" said the magistrate.

"Why, I was in an Ohio regiment myself. Who was your colonel?"

"Col. Brown," was the prompt reply.

"Col. Brown? Why, I don't remember him. What battles were you in?"

"Tell him," whispered the lawyer.

"That you were in several—Gettysburg, sure."

The answer was repeated.

"Why, your regiment wasn't at Gettysburg," said the magistrate.

"Tell him you were transferred to a Massachusetts regiment," whispered the lawyer.

"Well, you see it wuz transferred out of my regiment into a Massachusetts regiment," was the reply of the prisoner.

The magistrate asked a few more questions of the prisoner.

"Well, old G. A. R. man looks as if he needed a bath. Here, officer, take this five-dollar bill and take this man somewhere where he can get a good bath, a good meal and a clean bed."

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Sitting Hen Protects Purse.

Mrs. William Riggs, of Marion, Ind., caused the arrest of Frank Garigus on the charge of stealing a pocketbook containing \$40, which she alleged was hidden under a tub at her home. While Garigus was awaiting trial Mrs. Riggs remembered having transferred the pocketbook from the tub and of placing it under a sitting hen in the barn.

An officer was dispatched to the Riggs home and found the pocketbook under the faithful hen, who made a game fight to prevent the officer from taking it.

TRICKED THE JUDGE

How Police Court Lawyer Won Magistrate's Sympathy.

Made His Honor, Who Is a War Veteran, Believe That the Tramp Before Him Was a Grand Army Comrade.

Anyone who wants to get into trouble with City Magistrate Joseph Pool, says the New York Sun, can do it by insulting the Grand Army of the Republic or any of its members in his presence. The converse of the proposition is also true; if you want Magistrate Pool on your side, stand up for the grand army every time. At least, this is what is said by people who have observed the course of events in the police courts.

City Magistrate Pool is a grand army man himself. While he was trying to build up a law practice at Cleveland in the civil war began. He enlisted in the Sixty-seventh Ohio Infantry, served for a time as second lieutenant and was then appointed an assistant quartermaster. At the end of the fighting he was mustered out with the rank of brevet lieutenant colonel. That explains his interest in the men who fought in that war. And on one occasion at least the magistrate has been tricked—it the stories the lawyers tell are true into what he supposed was an act of sympathy and charity toward an old comrade in arms.



BUNKO MEN BUNKOED.

New York State Farmer Gets More Than Even with Two Smart Fellows from the City.

According to a country correspondent of the New York World Farmer Thomas J. Nearn, of Shawangunk, got the better of a pair of bunks men.

The first one, representing himself as a New York business man in want of a country place, called on Nearn and offered such a liberal price for his farm that a deal was soon made.

The two were looking about the farm, and the purchaser was telling of improvements he proposed to make, when Bunko Man No. 2 put in an appearance. He was roughly dressed, and professed to be a drover anxious to buy stock. He acted as if half drunk, and soon began bragging of a new game he had learned in New York last week. Then, producing some cards, he began throwing them clumsily and offering to bet that no one could pick out the "joker."

The farm buyer made several wagers and won easily, and then found it easy to persuade the farmer to try his luck. The manipulator of the cards suddenly grew skillful, and very soon the proceeds of Farmer Nearn's last milk check, about \$50, was in the drover's pocket.

With the loss of his money came the realization that he had been victimized.

"I've got some more money in the house," said Nearn, "and I'll get it and try my luck again. That dod-gasted joker can't fool me allus."

He made a quick trip to the house, and on his return pulled out, not a "roll," but a revolver, which he leveled at the bunko men and told them to throw up their hands.

They say determination in the old-man's eye, and up went their hands. His first care was to relieve them of their revolvers. This done, he said:

"Now, hand over my money and all the other cash you've got about your measly carcasses!"

They handed it over.

Then he told them to "git," and they "got."

"Doing bunko men pays a durned sight better and is a heap more excitin' than farmin'," he remarked to his neighbors.

Quite a number of the guests who attended the At Home will visit this city Friday and attend the Shaftesbury Art Club recital and reception at Grand Army Hall Friday May 23rd. Miss Effie Middleton will entertain after pretty residence Misses Hitchens, Mattelle and Galamison and Miss McGinnis will entertain Miss Estelle Langly, at whose beautiful residence the At Home was given.

Misses Middleton and McGinnis will give them royal receptions.

Mrs. L. V. Conte is quite ill at her home.

Miss Edith Myers of 3 street, is still quite sick.

Miss West Dyson, of Maryland, is the guest of her cousin Miss Mollie Marshall, 313 3 street, S. W.

Mr. Ralph Taylor, of Ohio, was the guest of Mr. John P. Green May 15 and 16. He left for Philadelphia.

Prof. R. J. Daniels gave his annual musical recital in the Zion Baptist Church last Monday evening to a large audience.

Mr. John P. Green has been invited, and has accepted the invitation to deliver the oration at Harmony Cemetery May 30, Decoration Day.

Miss Nannie R. Lee, of Flushing, New York, the daughter of Rev Jas. H. Lee, has been offered the position of art teacher in New York City. Miss Lee has made one of the most successful teachers in that state.

Mr. Ruben Taylor at 334 M street southwest is no doubt one of the best known and ablest business men in south Washington. He is one of the oldest citizens in that section of the city and no doubt one of the most reliable.

Miss Nannie Burroughs, who made such an impression in the city in her speech at the Second Baptist Church a few Sundays ago, left the city Tuesday for her home in Louisville, Ky.

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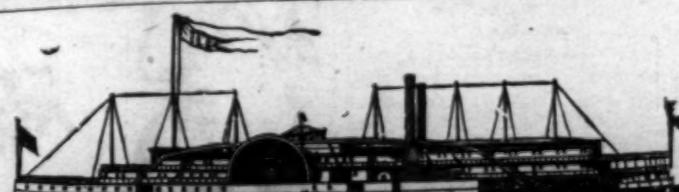
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Mrs. Biggs—Your husband isn't much for show. He always dresses very quietly.

Mrs. Diggs—Huh! You ought to hear him sometimes when his collar button rolls under the dresser.—Chicago Daily News.

THE WASHINGTON BEE.



I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss MAY CLEMATIS.

It will be less harmful if you will attend to your own business.

Read good books and keep good company.

Momentary friendship is dangerous.

Don't expose yourself to criticism.

Let right and justice be your guide.

No matter what your occupation is,

protect yourself.

Rebecca, your intended is quite

promising. He is everything that is

right.

E. A. You should notice so quick

tempered. Always think twice before you speak once.

Don't dress flashy it gives you a bad reputation.

L. H. You should take time and write to your friends.

Filtration is vulgar in any one.

Select your company especially when you are away from home.

Rachel, a slight effort would convince you that all love is not unrequited, for every child enjoys the grandeur of a silvery lining.

Let your walks be all sunshine. Life is not worth living for, when there is always a confusion.

A public display of affection is not indulged in by well bred people.

There is no genius of life like the genius of energy and industry.

M. H. keep your lips closed and no one will know your ignorance.

Girls: it is not the proper thing for a lady to hold a man's hat and coat throughout church services. Men should be made to know they have hands and a lap of their own.

I. G. you should not disappoint. Your word should be your bond.

A loud laugh betrays a vacant mind.

B. L. Be a good listener and a slow talker.

Don't gossip about other people's business.

M. C. The girl who weds for profession only, weds to her sorrow.

A careless person is not worthy of his hire.

S. H. Think well and do nothing that will cause suspicion.

Do your duty and follow the rules of industry.

E. C. Be grateful to those who are your friends.

A conceited man imagines that he is sought after more than the man of good sense.

Speak well of your neighbors.

The world is full of talkative girls.

The man who speaks ill of any woman without a cause, is unfit for society.

Never be ungrateful neither should you betray your friends.

A useful girl is a benefit to any business.

The girl who cheerishes taste will certainly attract.

We sometimes fail to thank those who assist us.

Edith. Don't imagine that you want every thing you see.

The way to hold your friends is to be kind to them.

Flattery. Don't imagine that you are pretty and sweet because you are told so. There is a motive behind it.

Never obligate yourself to any one. You may regret it some day.

If you dress well you will cause comment. If you don't, a comment will be made anyway.

An honest girl is a jewel.

Be polite, discreet and amiable.

A changeable person usually handles the truth carelessly.

O. D. Tell the truth sometimes. One does not know when you are telling the truth.

Suspicion haunts the guilty mind.

Don't tell all you know.

A girl should be independent. She should not keep one man's company to the exclusion of others, except she be engaged.

Maggie. Don't be conceited neither ought you imagine that you are adored for your looks. Girls are often infatuated with themselves but disengaged to others.

A true friend will never disobey you nor either will he disregard your advice. True friends live to please and not to displease.

The sweetest person is the one who is unconscious of his own good traits.

Doing nothing is the hardest work for an industrious person.

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WILLIE WALLIE ASTOR.

Self-Expatiated American Millionaire to Be Created a Baron by King Edward.

Latest official report has it that William Waldorf Astor will be created Baron Cliveden of Taplow.

Mr. Astor's ennoblement is certainly unpopular and causes resentment even in ministerial circles. But it is said for him, half apologetically, that he contributed \$250,000 to the last tory election fund and will give as much before the next general election. The man whose tremendous fortune was made in the country that thrashed George III. is a tory of tories.

It is authoritatively said, too, that Mr. Astor will sell the Pall Mall Gazette at the moment of his ennoblement.

By Miss MAY CLEMATIS.

POPE LEO'S CHOICE.

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No prince of the church could be selected to succeed to the pontificate whose accession to the papal throne would be more potent in its significance than that of Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto, at this moment the patriarch of Venice. The venerable Leo, surely nearing the end of his wonderful reign fondly hopes that Cardinal Sarto will step into his shoes, and no prelate, not even the holy father himself, is more beloved in the Catholic faith than Sarto.

The position taken by the pope with reference to a modus vivendi between the church and the temporal throne of Italy and that assumed by Cardinal Sarto, makes the choice of Sarto, voiced by Pope Leo, seem an apparent anomaly says the New York World.

Cardinal Sarto publicly announced his joy when there were strong probabilities of a union between church and state, and his accession to the pontificate is regarded in some quarters as the solution of the Roman problem so long unsolved and so long a cause of dissension over all Italy, to say nothing of its bearing upon the attitude of other Catholic countries. Cardinal Sarto is noted for his prudence, having never meddled with politics, and for extreme independence. He is also a patron of the arts, and launched Father Lorenzo Perosi, the celebrated priest composer.

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He does not consider the proprietorship of a newspaper to be consistent with the dignity of a peer of England. Nevertheless, Lord Glenesk, proprietor of the Morning Post, is one of the ablest, most respected members of the house of lords. Lord Glenesk has never dreamed of selling his newspaper, which, however, is an extremely valuable property.

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